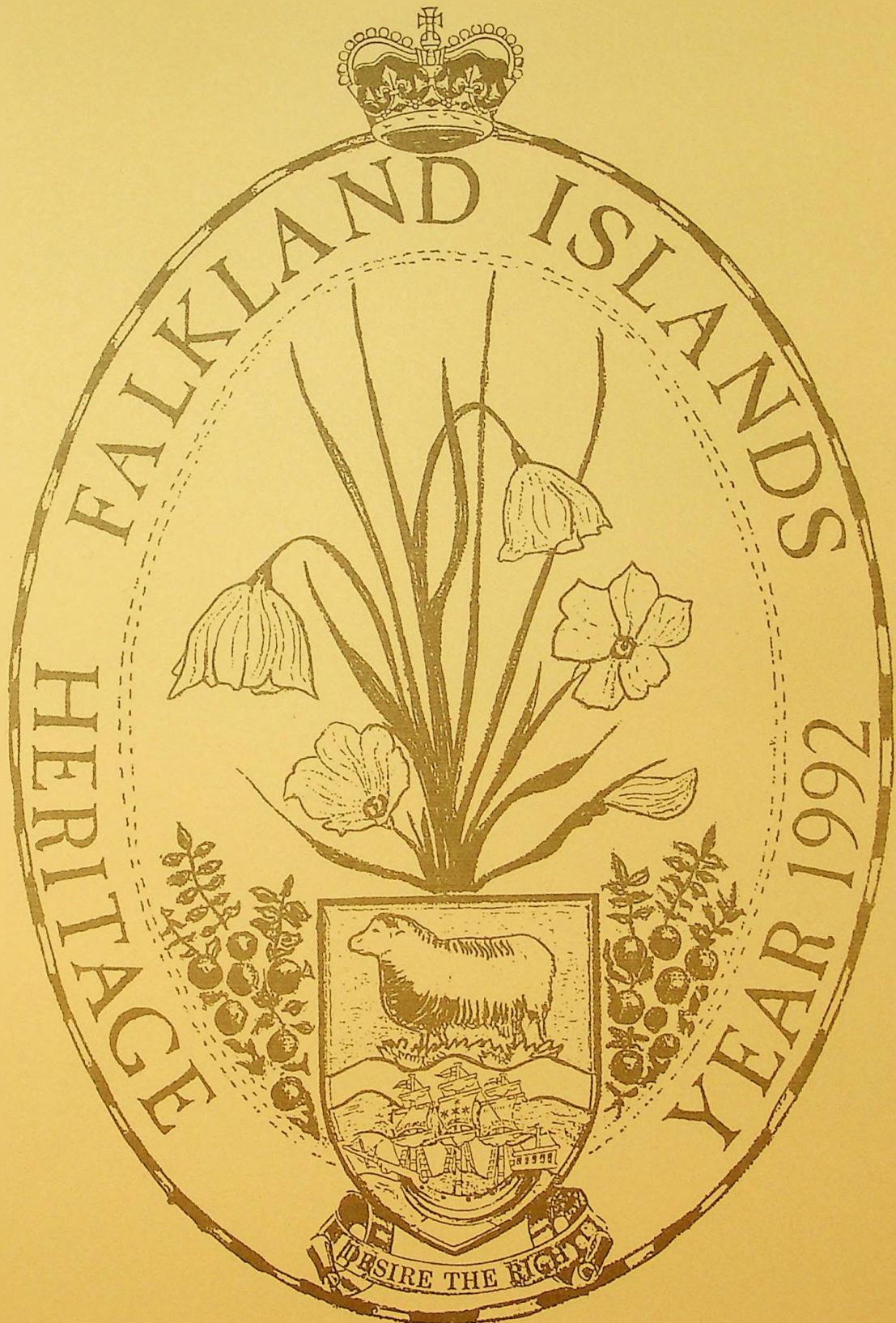


HERITAGE YEAR

1992



Souvenir Brochure - £1

Falklands heritage is not about dates, it is about people.

The focus for Heritage Year 1992 is Falklands history
celebrating discovery, faith, defence and liberation.

The real celebration of Heritage Year however is the Falklands people:
their hard work and the dedication
that has been put in over the years to make the Islands what they are today
- a self sufficient and caring community
with a belief in the future.

Whether your family has been in the Falklands 150 years or 150 days,
this is your chance to participate,
and celebrate the Falklands heritage.

A brief history of the most important anniversaries
is provided in this Souvenir Brochure.



**H.R.H Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh**



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The first time I was fortunate enough to pay a visit to the Falkland Islands was early in 1957, while on my way home in HMY 'Britannia' from the Olympic Games in Melbourne. After an interval of 34 years I came back to the islands in 1991. I suspect that those years saw more changes than in any previous period in the islands' history.

Whatever else has happened, the unique character of the islands has not changed; the sun shines, the winds continue to blow, and the occasional rain squall sweeps across the mountains. Most of the wildlife is still evident and there are sheep on the hills, but the slump in the wool market has not made life any easier for the farmers.

The war was obviously a traumatic experience for everyone who lived through it, but it also brought some good. Mount Pleasant airfield has joined the islands to the world's civil aviation network and the presence of the British Defence Services provides a valuable sense of security.

Probably the most significant change has been the arrival of the world's fishing fleets in the South Atlantic and the introduction of a fishery control zone around the islands. The management of the fisheries and the limitation on catches by licenses and strict supervision has become a major source of revenue for the islands. It is also a very important contribution to the sustainable use of natural resources. Unfortunately, the fishing beyond the control zone knows no limits on methods or catches and is nothing more than mining the ocean's living resources.

The new source of wealth from the fisheries has been well-spent. Social improvements are obvious. There is a splendid new hospital, an improved telephone system, a magnificent new school and swimming pool, the beginnings of a road system capable of taking less rugged vehicles than tractors and improved harbour facilities.

There is much to celebrate in 1992 and I hope that all the events associated with 'Heritage Year' will provide a lot of pleasure and enjoyment

1991



H.E. The Governor
W. H. Fullerton CMG



1992 is a most important year for the Islands. In it we celebrate the earliest event in their history, the 400th anniversary of the first reported sighting of the Islands by Captain John Davis in 1592, and one of the most recent, the 10th anniversary of the liberation on 14 June 1982 of the Islands from Argentine occupation. We also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral and of the founding of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

There have been many changes in the lifestyle of Islanders and the opportunities available to them over generations, but much the most significant changes have come about since the conflict and particularly in the last few years. Notable among these have been the establishment of Mount Pleasant Garrison and Airport, the introduction of the fishery regime which has provided a substantial income for the Islands, and the sub-division of most of the large farms, a measure which has given many more Islanders the opportunity to own their own land. In April last year the Falkland Islands Government bought the four remaining Falkland Islands Company farms comprising some 27 per cent of the land area of the Islands. This means that 97% of the land is now in Island ownership.

There have been many improvements in infrastructure. The largest single element in all of them is the new Stanley senior school now under construction which will also have facilities for the community as a whole. The emphasis given to the quality of this school is perhaps more indicative than anything else of the outlook Islanders now have for the years ahead. The Islands have a promising and exciting future, one which should be increasingly attractive to young people and in which education should play a greater role. Life in the Islands retains its original independent minded quality, free from many of the less attractive aspects of more crowded and perhaps less fortunate societies, but it does now also offer much great variety of opportunity for all.

In all this the close, historic and stable link with Britain remains a central theme. Islanders remember with lasting gratitude the recovery of their land by the Forces of the Crown in 1982 and the sacrifice made by so many in that achievement. Islanders hope that in future they will be able to continue to live a life untroubled by unwelcome political developments not of their making and trust that they can feel confident about this. They have committed themselves to do all they can to manage and develop the Falklands carefully and well with due respect to the very special environment in which they live.

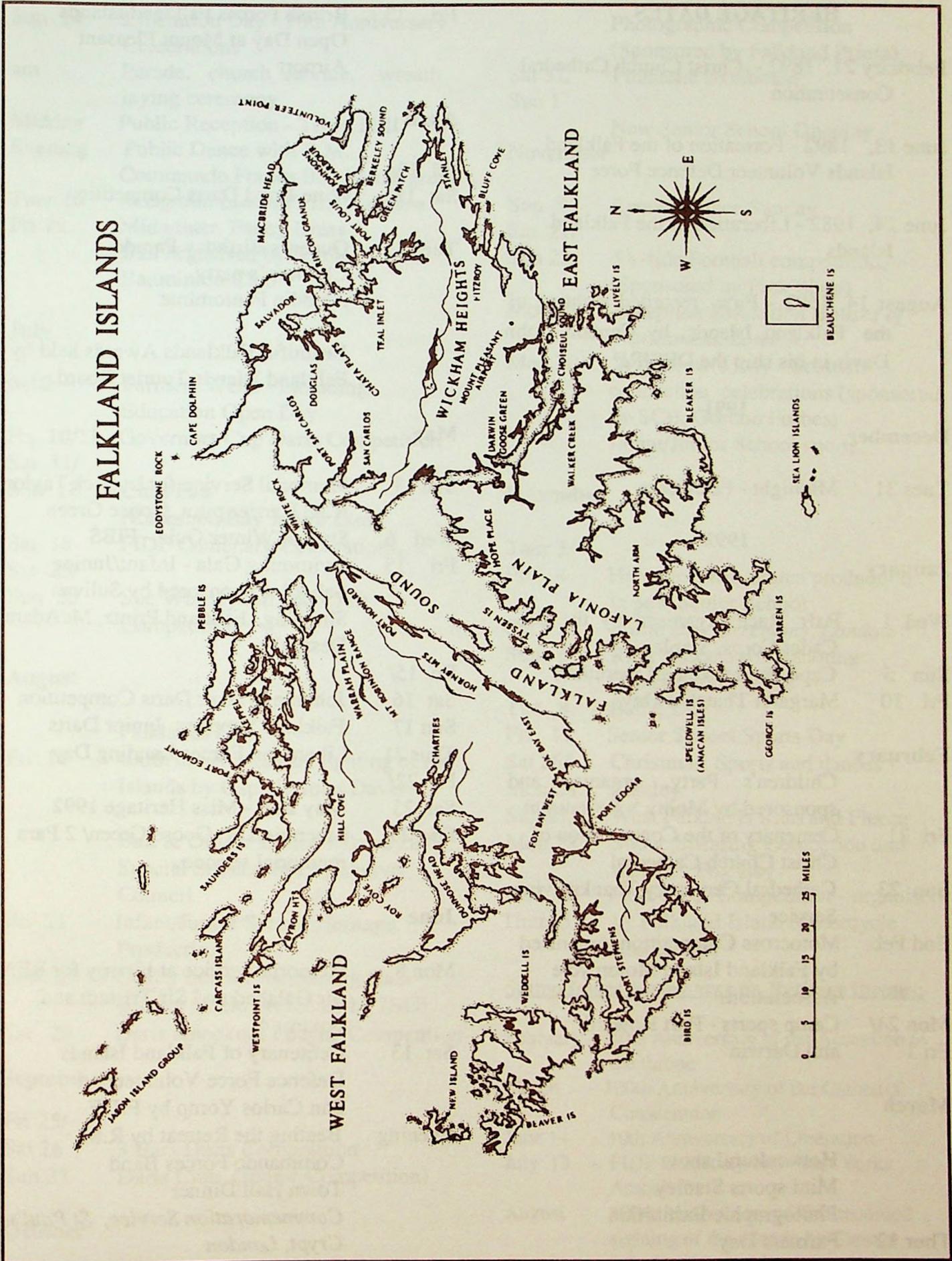
W H Fullerton

1 January 1992

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Map of the Falkland Islands



Map courtesy of Ian Strange.

Programme of events

HERITAGE DATES

February 21, 1892 - Christ Church Cathedral
Consecration

June 13, 1892 - Formation of the Falkland
Islands Volunteer Defence Force

June 14, 1982 - Liberation of the Falkland
Islands

August 14, 1592 - First recorded sighting of
the Falkland Islands by Captain John
Davis in his ship the DESIRE

1991

December

Tues 31 Midnight - Fireworks

1992

January

Wed 1 Raft Race organised by the Sea
Cadet Corps, Stanley

Sun 5 Cape Pembroke half marathon

Fri 10 Margaret Thatcher Day

February

Children's Party, organised and
sponsored by Monty's Restaurant

Fri 21 Centenary of the Consecration of
Christ Church Cathedral

Sun 23 Cathedral Centenary Thanksgiving
Service

End Feb. Motocross Competition organised
by Falkland Island Motorcycle
Association.

Mon 24/ Camp sports - Port Howard

Fri 1 and Darwin

March

Horticultural show

Mini sports Stanley

Photographic Exhibition

Thur 12 Farmers Day

Fri 13 British Forces Falkland Islands
Open Day at Mount Pleasant
Airport

April

Fri 17/

Sat 18 Witte Boyd Darts Competition

Tues 21

Queen's Birthday Parade
Children's party
Aladdin Pantomime

Beautiful Falklands Awards held by
Falkland Islands Tourist Board.

May

Sun 3

Memorial Service for Lt. Nick Taylor
R.N. Harrier pilot, Goose Green

Wed 6

Start of Winter Quiz - FIBS

Fri 15

Swimming Gala - Infant/Junior
School (Sponsored by Sullivan
Shipping, Falkland Printz, McAdam
Design)

Fri 15/

Johnnie Walker Darts Competition

Sat 16

Falkland Supplies Junior Darts

Sun 17

Liberation Forces Landing Day

Thur 21

Fri 22/

May Ball - Miss Heritage 1992

Sat 23

Liberation of Goose Green/ 2 Para
memorial service

Fri 29

June

Mon 8

Memorial service at Fitzroy for RFA
Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram and
Foxtrot 4

Sat 13

Centenary of Falkland Islands
Defence Force Volunteers
San Carlos Yomp by FIDF

Evening

Beating the Retreat by R.M.

Commando Forces Band

Town Hall Dinner

*Commemoration Service, St Paul's
Crypt, London*

Programme of events

Sun 14 Liberation Day - 10th Anniversary
 Celebrations
 am Parade, church service, wreath
 laying ceremony
 Midday Public Reception - Town Hall
 Evening Public Dance with R.M.
 Commando Forces Band/local group
 Tues 16 *Reception Lincoln's Inn, London*
 Fri 19 Midwinter Fancy Dress
 Ball organised by Stanley
 Badminton Club

July

6-10 Farmers Week - including
 Education Open Day
 Fri 10/11 Governors Cup Darts Competition
 Sat 11/
 Sun 12 Craft Fair
 Horseshoe Bay Junior Darts
 Sat 18 FIDF Centenary Celebrations,
 Sat 25/
 Sun 26 Sue Whitley Art and Craft
 Competition

August

Falklands Day
 Fri 14 400th anniversary of sighting of the
 Islands by Captain John Davis
 Ball & Dinner Dance - Town Hall
 Special Session of Legislative
 Council
 Fri 21 Infant/Junior School Heritage
 Production
 Sun 23 Senior School Swimming Gala
 (House shield presented by JBG)
 Sat 29 Darts Knockout League Competition

September

Fri 25/
 Sat 26 3 Bars Darts Competition
 Sun 27 Darts Club (Junior Competition)

October

Sat 10 Annual Darts Prize Giving/Dance

Sat 31/
 Sun 1 Photographic Competition
 (Sponsored by Falkland Printz)
 Philatelic Exhibition

New Senior School Opening
November

Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday
 Sat 21/
 Sun 22 5 a-side Football competition,
 (Sponsored by Pink Shop)
 Mon 23 *Reception/Exhibition Houses of
 Parliament, London*
 Mon 30 St Andrew's Day - Scottish
 connection celebrations (sponsored
 by SCB, Gordon Forbes)
 Infant/Junior School sports

December

Thur 3/
 Fri 4 Heritage Year drama production
 in new Senior School
 Sat 5 *Battle Day Ceremony, London*
 Sun 6 Rifle Association Shooting
 Competition
 Tue 8 Battle Day
 Fri 11 Senior School Sports Day
 Sat 26/
 Mon 28 Christmas Sports and dances -
 Stanley
 Sun 27/
 Mon 28 West Falklands Ram and Fleece
 Show, Shearing Competition and
 dances - Fox Bay
 Wed 30/
 Thurs 31 MotoCross Competition - organised
 by Falkland Island Motorcycle
 Association

Stamp Issues during year on Heritage themes:

February - 40th Anniversary of the Accession to
 the throne
 March - 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral
 Consecration
 June 14 - 10th Anniversary of Liberation
 July 13 - FIDF Centenary and West Yorks
 Association
 August - 400th Anniversary of first recorded
 sighting of the Islands by Captain
 John Davis
 October - New School Opening

Christ Church Cathedral



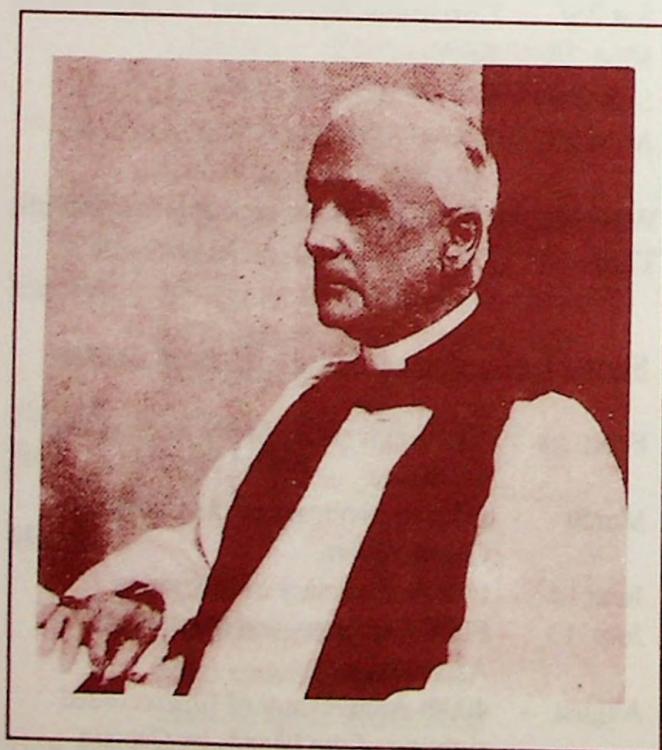
1892 - 1992

The establishment of the Christian Church in the Falkland Islands dates back to the earliest days of settlement. Visiting priests and ships' Chaplains carried out ecclesiastical duties, and it is recorded that the Sabbath "was kept in a decent manner".

Church life and Christian worship in Stanley since 1844 had taken place in a small room of the Military Barracks. Lt. Richard Moody, the first Governor to the Islands conducted the Baptism and Funeral services. His brother James Moody arrived in the Colony in 1845 as the first resident Chaplain, and was responsible for commencing a Christian ministry and administration.

After the room in the Barracks, and premises on the site of the present Speedwell Store, the east wing of a large building known as the Corn Exchange was given over to be used as a Church in 1856, with a Government School in the western wing. The portion used as a Church, known as Holy Trinity Church, was never actually consecrated due to the impracticability of the Bishop of London, under whose episcopal jurisdiction the Falkland Islands came, visiting the far-flung Settlement.

In 1871, Waite Hockin Stirling, of the Patagonian Missionary Society was recalled to England, to be ordained Bishop of the Falkland Islands. His diocese also included much of South America. The Patagonian Missionary Society was founded by Commander Allen Gardiner in 1844, with the aim of bringing Christianity to the Indians of Patagonia. In 1855 a mission station was established on Keppel Island as a base for operations in Tierra del Fuego. In 1862 Stirling was appointed Superintendent of the Keppel Mission Station and displayed great courage and energy in his work with the Indians. His subsequent appointment as Bishop was in recognition of his success in this field.



Bishop Stirling

In January 1872 Bishop Waite Stirling returned to the Falkland Islands. He was enthroned as the Bishop of his Diocese by the Colonial Chaplain, the Reverend Charles Bull, in Holy Trinity Church, Stanley.

In March 1877 a new Colonial Chaplain, the Reverend Lowther Brandon, arrived in the Islands. He was to become a much loved and respected member of the Community.

When the peat slip of 1886 brought the life of the Holy Trinity Church to an end, Lowther Brandon, with the inspired leadership of Bishop Stirling,

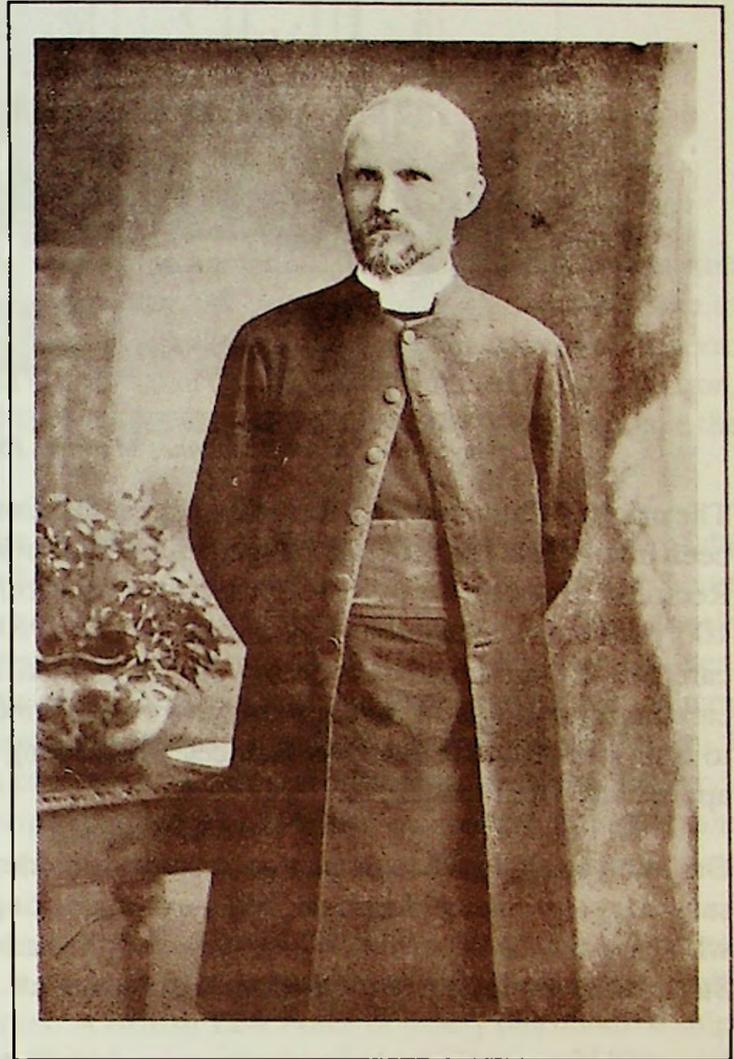
Christ Church Cathedral

worked tirelessly for the erection of the Cathedral. The two men formed a great partnership, setting out to find both the money and skills needed to rebuild their Church.

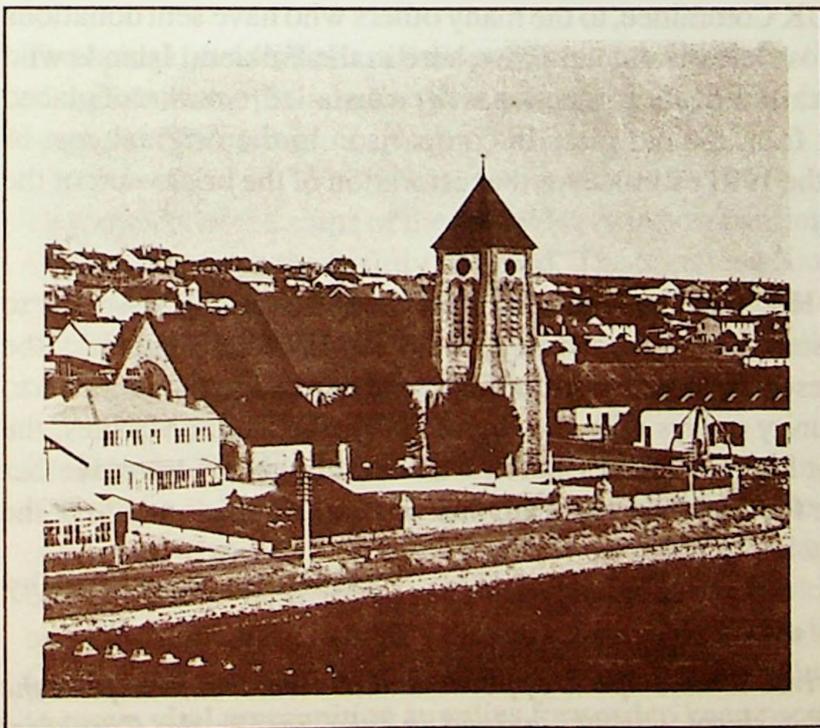
A design by Sir Arthur Blomfield was adopted for the Cathedral. The site of the old Exchange building was donated by the Government. It is interesting to note that 100 years ago the cost to build the entire Cathedral was less than £10,000. The people of the Falklands undertook to raise £3,000, and the Bishop the remainder. His appeal pointed to the threefold purpose of the Church; Parish Church to the Colony, Cathedral to a vast Diocese, and Sanctuary of refuge to shipwrecked sailors (from whom the very first donations towards a new Church had come).

Amongst noted subscribers from the United Kingdom were Queen Victoria and the City of Canterbury. The son-in-law of Bishop Stirling, Mr W. F. Robinson was the driving force behind all the fund raising in England, but never got to the Falkland Islands himself.

The foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid on 6th March 1890, with great celebrations in Stanley. The Consecration of the building followed on



Dean Brandon

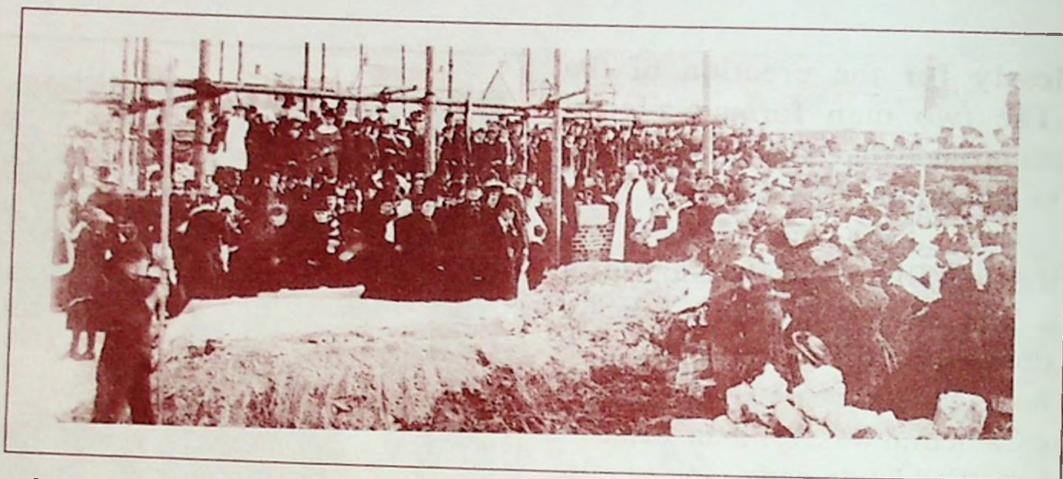


Christ Church Cathedral

21st February 1892, with a congregation of well over 300. Subscriptions had dwindled at this time, and it had been decided to leave the tower until a later date. This however did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the participants on that day; notably H E The Governor Sir Roger Goldsworthy, R M Routledge, Colonial Secretary and Judge, and Lowther Brandon.

Within days of the Consecration, work began on the beautifying of the interior. More funds were raised, firstly for an organ. There also appeared a new set of pews. Finally by the end of 1902 work on the tower was begun and completed a year later. The bells given by Mrs Orissa Dean in memory of her husband, were hung in July 1903.

Christ Church Cathedral



Laying of the Foundation Stone, March 6, 1890. Governor Kerr and Bishop Stirling.

The original Cathedral Charter makes it clear that from the start of the life of the Cathedral, trustees have been involved in the care and maintenance of the building. The Wardens too are responsible to the Dean, Rector or Chaplain for the care of the fabric, the furniture and the finance of the Cathedral. Over the past 100 years this Cathedral has been well served. Vi Robson played the organ for 65 years; Joe Booth so cared for the building that he preserved the coloured, stained and plain glass of the original windows. His care has simplified the restoration work on the windows in 1990. Stan Bennett was dedicated enough to train as a Lay Reader. His services will be long remembered. These, and many others are all due appreciation and thanks.

Our appreciation goes to those wood carvers in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire who produced the delightful sanctuary and chancel furniture, and the oak panelling in the nave. Also our thanks are recorded to those who gave the Reredos, the Bishop's Throne, the Pastoral Staff, the Pulpit, Lectern, Prayer Desks, Choir Stalls, the windows and memorials which embrace and portray so much of Falkland Islands history.

We are indebted also to those who have worked, and still do so, for our support in England. Our thanks go to Des King and the members of his Cathedral Restoration Action Committee (FICRAC) and to Major General Neil Carlier and the members of his UK Committee, to the many others who have sent donations to help us pay the costs of restoration, and those known and unknown here in the Falkland Islands who have also supported and served us. As a result a new heating system has been installed, a new roof placed in position and windows have been re-built from the old glass. In comparison to the original cost of £10,000 for the entire building construction, the 1991 estimate for the restoration of the brickwork of the walls and the new roof alone is £92,000.

We are greatly honoured to have Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York as Patron of the Appeal to restore the Cathedral. During the present restoration work, and in the celebration of the Centenary, the memorials of the past all help to keep the present generation mindful of the debt these Islands owe to others and to the close link the local community enjoys with the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army, the RAF, the RFA and the Merchant Service. Christ Church Cathedral helps us to revive our memory of the past. It also provides our hope for the future; both are vital to keep the spiritual life of the Islands alive.

Canon Gervase Murphy

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In October 1991 Canon Stephen Palmer arrived to take up his appointment as Rector and to plan the details of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury who has agreed to take part in the Cathedral Centenary Celebration Service on Sunday 23rd February 1992.

14th June 1982 - Liberation Day



To write on the tenth anniversary of the events of 1982 raises an immediate question: - When do you stop celebrating a victory and when do you begin to commemorate the event? Now is perhaps the time to reflect on those eventful days during 1982. Days during which the whole world was to hear of hitherto unknown names which would be written into world history - San Carlos, Goose Green, Douglas Station, Teal Inlet, Stanley and many others. Days after which changes were to take place that would reshape the future of the Falkland Islands.

Before the second of April 1982 the Falklands were one of the most remote and least known parts of the globe; many people firmly believed they were in Scotland. Then suddenly with less than twelve hours warning the peace and tranquillity of a unique way of life in the Falklands was shattered. These lonely and beautiful islands were invaded, occupied, liberated; followed by a surge of overwhelming kindness and goodwill from loyal friends overseas to help us get our house in order again. For some people here, even now, ten years afterwards it is still almost too much to grasp. Many books have been written which cover the military aspects of the war, but there is a story yet to be told of how the people of the Falklands coped and fared. A story which is still a bewildering kaleidoscope of memories, some still as sharp and vivid as the day they happened, some which many people would prefer to forget but are unable to do so.

1982 was a year of fantastic achievements by those who took part in our liberation. The facts and figures are staggering; sometimes very much unbalanced. A population of under two thousand people eventually occupied by twelve thousand Argentine armed forces. A British Task Force of nearly one hundred ships sailing eight thousand miles to recover the Islands. The longest range bombing raids in world history on Stanley Airport by Vulcan bombers of the Royal Air Force.

The epic push across East Falkland from San Carlos by the land forces in the harsh and wild conditions of the southern mid winter. This not only made history but also introduced a new word into the English language 'Yomping'.

The support of the ships of the Royal Navy in bombarding enemy positions and carrying out tasks which even now have not been fully revealed. The Merchant Navy and ships of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary which provided the logistical back up without which large scale military operations cannot be carried out. Then also the people of the United Kingdom, from every walk of life, who appeared united in the objective of freeing the Falkland Islands' people.

Here in the Falklands we did the best that we could in the difficult circumstances. Members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force deployed alongside the Royal Marines on the night of the invasion; a combined total of eighty men against, on that particular morning, two and a half thousand Argentine troops. When the British Task Force landed at San Carlos on the 21st of May many local people linked up with them, often in highly dangerous circumstances, to act as guides through enemy lines to Stanley. Other Falkland Islanders, including women, took part in epic operations involving tractors and trailers to move vital ammunition supplies forward to keep pace with the advance of the heavy guns. Much of the helicopter support which was to have carried out this task sank with the 'ATLANTIC CONVEYOR'.

14th June 1982 - Liberation Day

There were a number of decorations awarded to people in the Falkland Islands for their bravery and dedication to duty during 1982. Citations from the Governor Sir Rex Hunt and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Task Force Commander were also awarded. This extract from one of many, gives some idea of the local input.

"..... drove a tractor in support of the 3rd Battalion the Parachute Regiment's operation to secure Mount Longdon. Carrying mortar ammunition on the back of his vehicle, he used his tractor to retrieve other civilian vehicles of the resupply 'train' which became bogged during the move. He had to drive over appalling terrain, without lights. Without his efforts it is doubtful if these vehicles which successfully reached their final destination would have done so.

On the way he was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, but showed neither fear or reluctance in unfamiliar and dangerous circumstances. Having reached the mortar line he then returned, with another tractor driver, to retrieve the MILAN and MG ammunition which had been abandoned earlier on a bogged down trailer some 3 kilometres to the West.

Without his considerable efforts, the resupply of ammunition to the Battalion would not have been so successful."

A natural modesty prevents the full story of the local input from ever being fully revealed but it is one of great courage and daring coupled with a splendid mixture of enthusiasm, mischievousness and ingenuity which make up the characteristics of the Falkland Islander.

Some parts of the Falklands never saw any Argentine forces; other parts were inundated by them. The final days of the battle for Stanley were anxious ones to say the least. Had the surrender not occurred when it did and the fighting continued, the town would inevitably have been very severely damaged with a high rate of casualties, civilian and military. The fighting would have been in the houses and gardens of the tiny capital. Fires in a town of largely wooden houses would have been catastrophic. Fortunately, as it turned out, through skilful negotiation, the surrender of the Argentine armed forces was agreed and signed as the battle reached the very perimeter of Stanley. Even the actual signing of the surrender was unusual. It was carried



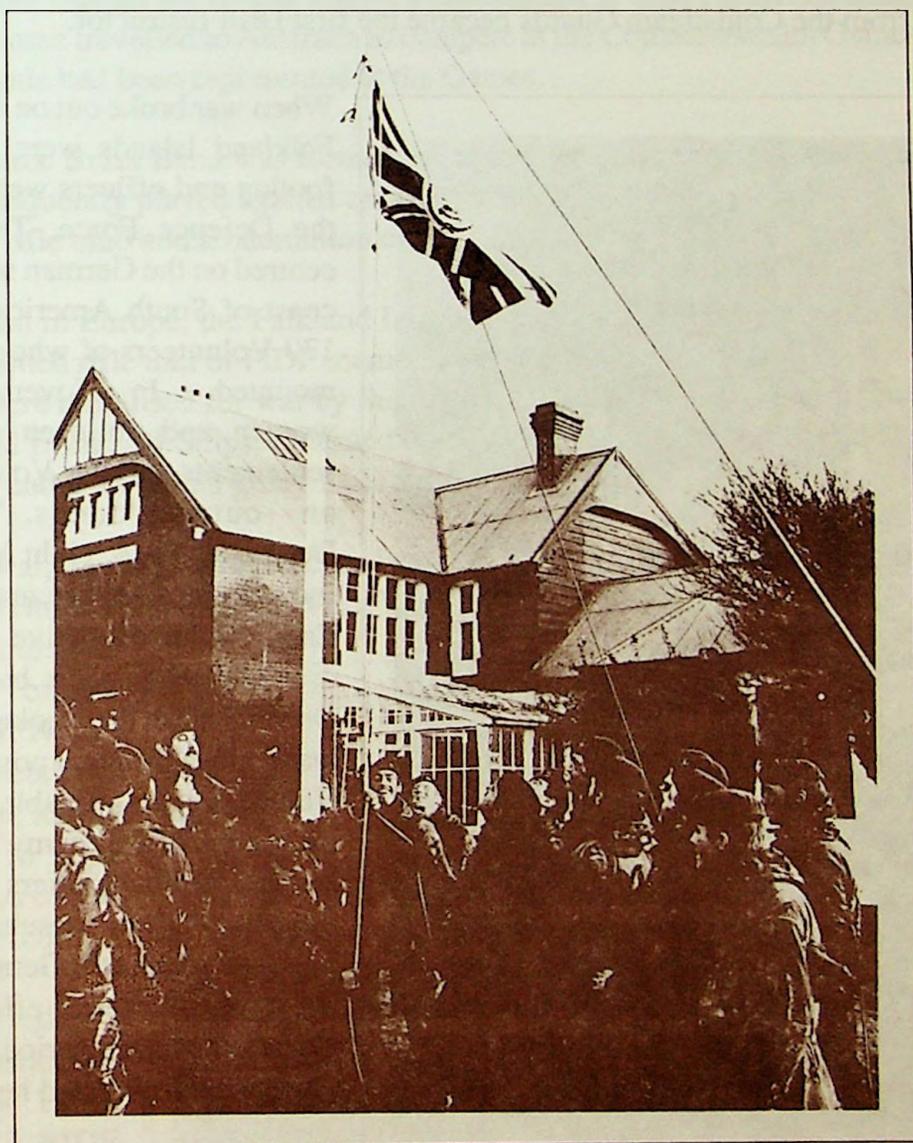
Liberation Monument

14th June 1982 - Liberation Day

out late in the evening by the light of oil lamps, set out on an ordinary sheet of paper by a typewriter with a ribbon which should have been changed long previously. But perhaps most unusual of all was the fact that no photographs were taken due to the delicate and tenuous nature of the occasion. Then having got the document signed by General Mario Menendez, General Sir Jeremy Moore was faced with the difficult task of circulating news of the Surrender to the five thousand or so Argentine troops occupying Stanley.

Events do not happen in real life as they do on the television or in books, where the liberated people come out on to the streets with Union Jacks to cheer the incoming troops. Those in Stanley had to keep their heads down until the rather confused situation became clear.

We in the Falkland Islands were privileged to have seen the British Military machine in action with the brakes off; it is a truly formidable machine manned by professionals at all levels which has ensured the security of the Falklands and brought confidence to its people.



Royal Marines of J Company, 42 Commando who took part in the defence of the Islands on 2nd April 1982, at Government House, Stanley, hoisting the Union flag with the Falklands' emblem after the surrender of the Argentine forces.

Photograph courtesy of the Ministry of Defence

The Falkland Islands Volunteers



FIV cap badge. Front view

The first body of 37 Falkland Islands Volunteers was sworn in at Government House on Monday 13th June 1892. The uniform consisted of a Norfolk jacket and trousers of dark grey cloth, with scarlet piping around green collar and cuffs. The recruits were originally armed with Martini Henry rifles, but these were replaced in 1901 when a large consignment of Lee-Enfield rifles arrived. In the same year, a retired NCO from the Coldstream Guards became the first Drill Instructor.



*Cpl. John Summers
The earliest known photograph showing the uniform of the
Falkland Islands Volunteers*

When war broke out on 4th August 1914, the Falkland Islands were placed upon a war footing and officers were appointed to head the Defence Force. The perceived threat centred on the German squadron off the west coast of South America. There were some 170 Volunteers of whom roughly 100 were mounted. In November 1914 over 600 women and children were evacuated to settlements and the Volunteers were placed on outpost duties. Tragically on 1st December 1914, eight Volunteers lost their lives in the Canache area (Stanley Harbour East) whilst on active service. The men drowned when their boat overturned. On December 8th the smoke of the German fleet was sighted by an outpost of Falkland Islands Volunteers and valuable information of the movement of the enemy's ships was reported by the local soldiers at the outpost on Sappers' Hill. In the subsequent battle of the Falkland Islands the German fleet in the South West Atlantic was effectively destroyed. During the initial period of the war the local Government invested heavily in the Force.

During 1915 Falkland Islanders, at their own expense, were beginning to go off to join HM Forces. By May 1916 this Roll of Honour totalled 36.

Falkland Islands Defence Force

Ten Falkland Islanders gave their lives whilst serving with HM Forces overseas, and the following decorations were awarded -

- 1 Distinguished Service Order
- 1 Distinguished Conduct Medal
- 3 Military Crosses
- 1 Military Medal.



On 18th July 1919 a "Stand Down" of the Force was ordered, and later that year the title of the militia was changed to the FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE. The uniform was of the practical khaki. The only distinctive feature was the khaki tam-o-shanter with the badge on the left side.

Memories of active service may have been receding, but small-arms skills were kept to the fore, and in 1928 the Rifle Club of the Defence Force sent its first team to Bisley, England. They took fourth place. To this day the Falkland Islands are almost annually represented at Bisley and consistently do well. In 1982 two FIDF marksmen travelled to Australia to compete in the Commonwealth Games, the first time that the Falkland Islands had been represented at the Games.

In 1935 a Defence Force Brass Band was formed. A renowned strong football team was also formed about this time and frequently played against crews of visiting HM Ships. The Force also established a full and small bore rifle club and a badminton club.

With mounting tension in Europe, the Falkland Islands again felt the need for increased defence. On 11th July 1938 a mounted rifle unit of FIDF members outside Stanley was formed. A total of 389 men on military service were mobilised for war by September 6th 1939, and stationed at outposts. German prisoners were landed from HM Ships, interned on S.V. FENNIA, a hulk lying at anchor in Stanley Harbour, and placed under an armed guard from the Defence Force.

During the 1939-45 war, the FIDF worked closely with regular soldiers and much training was given to them by men of the 11th Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment. In 1943, 18 FIDF members left the Falkland Islands to join the RAF, 15 others enrolled in the Royal Navy, and two in the Merchant Navy. After 1943 the Royal Scots stationed in the Falkland Islands took on the role of training the FIDF.

The FIDF reverted to peace-time establishment at midnight 2nd July 1945. In June 1946, 13 FIDF members took part in the Victory Parade in London.



Members of the FIDF Mounted Rifles 1939-45

Falkland Islands Defence Force

The Force was called out on 28th September 1966 during the hi-jacking of the Aerolineas Argentinas DC4 aircraft by Argentine terrorists who forced it to land on Stanley race course, and took a number of Royal Marines and civilians hostage. The Defence Force kept the aeroplane surrounded, until the surrender of the high-jackers some 36 hours later.

During the 1960's and 1970's training was the responsibility of the Royal Marines from Naval Party 8901. The Force was fortunate enough to use the SRN6 Hovercraft of NP8902 for transportation during its time in the Islands.

In 1970 a stamp issue was released depicting the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

On the night of 1st and 2nd April of 1982 there were 32 active members of the Defence Force all of whom reported for duty. The tasks on the night of April 1st 1982 were to guard the Fuel Depot, Telephone Exchange, Wireless Transmitting Station, Power Station and the Islander aircraft which had been moved for safety to the Race Course. By dawn the overwhelming numbers of the Argentine forces had become apparent and several sections of the FIDF were pinned down by cross fire. Weapons were laid down when the surrender was announced by the Governor, Sir Rex Hunt. Over the following days all equipment was confiscated, and the Force was declared an illegal organisation.

The Argentines had a concern that a Resistance Movement would be formed, and several NCO's and a number of those considered to be political agitators were rounded up and spent the remaining 7 weeks of the war under house arrest at Fox Bay East.

Two members of the Force took part in the City of London's salute to the Task Force Victory Parade in October 1982.

It was a year later in June 1983 that the Force was reformed. It has retained its reputation for marksmanship, winning the "March and Shoot" trophy for the first time in April 1985, and three times subsequently, competing against some twenty or more teams drawn from all arms of the Services stationed in the Falkland Islands.

Major Brian Summers
Falkland Islands Defence Force

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"Loyalty to King and Country is as strong in these Islands as in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, and the desire to render efficient assistance in an hour of need is bound up with our loyalty and cannot be doubted."

Signed: F.Durose. Officer in Command 10th October 1905

Sighting of the Islands by Captain John Davis



An illustration of Captain John Davis
By courtesy of the National Maritime Museum

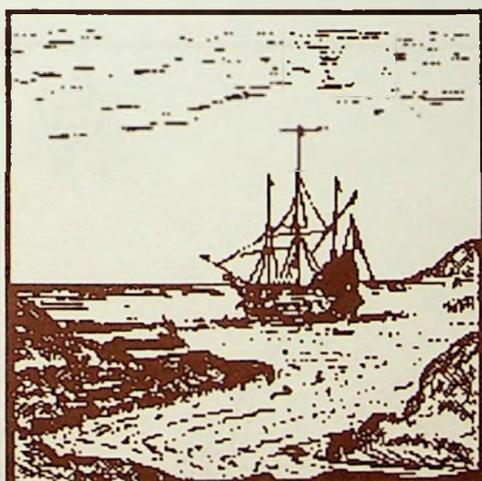
On the 26th of August 1591 a small fleet of ships left Plymouth, commanded by Sir Thomas Cavendish. Its mission was to raid and plunder Spanish and Portuguese colonies and shipping in the Pacific Ocean.

One of the ships, the *DESIRE* of 120 tons, was commanded by John Davis a master mariner. Davis had been born at Stoke Gabriel near Dartmouth, the son of a yeoman farmer. It is likely that he attended Totnes Grammer School. He went to sea at an early age and from 1585 - 1587 he commanded three voyages in search of a Northwest Passage discovering the Davis Strait, and penetrating into Baffin Bay reaching Latitude 73 North in a ship of only 20 tons. He may also have served in the English fleet when it defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588.

On the 8th of April 1592 the fleet entered the Straits of Magellan where storms halted them. Men began to die from scurvy and hunger and cold. Cavendish sought Davis' advice and decided to return north to Brazil to reprovision his ships. On leaving, Cavendish marooned the sick men from his ship, the galleon *Leicester*.

The ships set out on the 15th of May but became separated. Davis in the *DESIRE* made for Port Desire on the coast of Patagonia to repair his ship and wait for Cavendish, who, unknown to Davis, had decided to sail home to England. Conditions at Port Desire were very hard and John Jane who sailed with Davis records..

"Thus in the most miserable calamity we remained until the sixth of August keeping watch upon the hills to look out for our General, and so great was our vexation and anguish as I think never flesh and blood endured more."



An illustration of *The DESIRE*

On the 6th of August Davis set sail for the Straits and on the 9th ran into a severe storm *"we had a sore storm so that we were constrained to hull (lie to) for our sails would not endure any force. The 14th. we were driven in among certain isles never before discovered by any known relation, lying fifty leagues or better from the shore East and Northerly from the Straits in which place unless it had pleased God of his wonderful mercy to have ceased the winde we must of necessity have perished."*

The islands that Davis and his men were blown in amongst were of course the Falkland Islands, the position that Jane gives leaves that in no doubt. In future years the islands were known by many English sailors as Davis' Southern Isles. As to what part of the islands Davis sighted that is unclear but it would most probably have been islands off the coast of West Falkland, possibly the Jason Islands.

Sighting of the Islands

Davis entered the Strait again on August 21st but again severe storms hampered him. The DESIRE was now too damaged and frail to continue and he abandoned his search for Cavendish. Returning to Port Desire Davis and his crew killed and salted 14,000 penguins as provision for the voyage home. Several men were killed by hostile indians at this time.

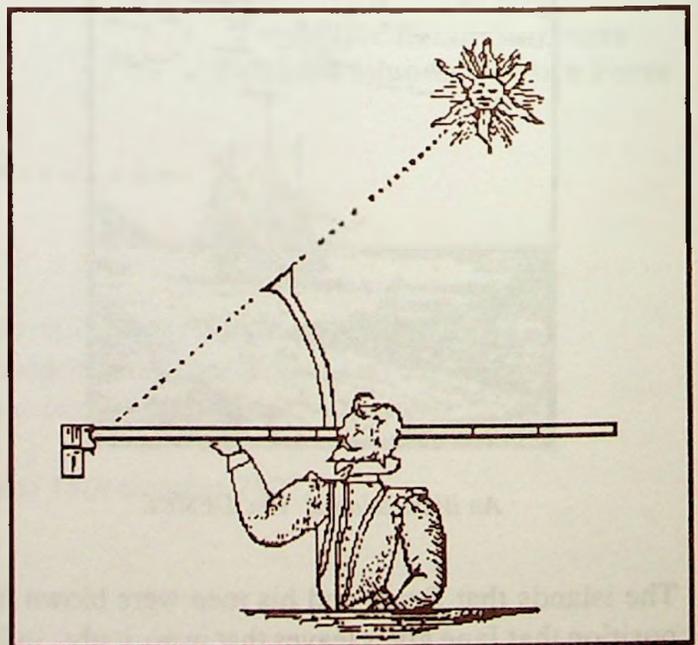
On December 22nd they set sail for home but ran short of water. On January 31st they raided a settlement on the Isle of Placencia in Brazil in search of fresh fruit and vegetables and to repair and refill water casks. Thirteen out of a party of fifteen men were killed in an ambush by Indians and Portuguese. On February 6th they set sail reduced by now to 27 in number.

Yet even worse misfortune now befell Davis and his crew. As they entered the tropics *"our dried penguins began to corrupt and bred in them a most loathsome and ugly worm of an inch long. This worm did so mightily increase and devour our victuals that there was in reason no hope how we should avoid famine, but be devoured of these wicked creatures; there was nothing that they did not devour, only iron excepted; our clothes, boots, shoes, hats, shirts, stockings: and for the ship they did so eat the timbers as that we greatly feared they would undo us by gnawing through the ship's side."*

On top of this, or possibly because of it *"our men began to fall sick of such monstrous disease ... several grew raging mad and some died in most loathsome and furious pain."*

On June 6th 1593 the DESIRE reached Bearhaven in Ireland where Davis ran the rotting vessel ashore. Only sixteen men remained alive and of those only Davis, Jane and three others were on their feet, the others being too sick to move. It would be pleasant to think that after such an epic voyage of trial and suffering that Davis and his men returned to a hero's welcome, but history is seldom that kind and in the case of Davis it most certainly wasn't. Cavendish never returned to England; he died at Ascension Island on his homeward voyage. Before he died he found the time to write a letter accusing Davis of desertion and thus of ruining the expedition. Because of influences at the Royal Court of Queen Elizabeth his version came to be the accepted one at the time and Davis's reputation suffered.

For people living in the Falkland Islands Davis is remembered chiefly for his discovery of the Islands and his ship the DESIRE whose name is incorporated in the motto on the coat of arms of the Islands; "Desire the Right". Perhaps Davis should also be remembered for his unflinching courage and determination and also his incredible loyalty to Cavendish his Captain-General, for had Davis really been faint hearted and a deserter he would not have determined to enter the Straits a second time but would have sailed home and made his excuses. If he had done so he and his crew would therefore never have sighted the Falkland Islands. Although Davis's loyalty to his Captain-General was misplaced and accusations by Cavendish certainly badly damaged his career,



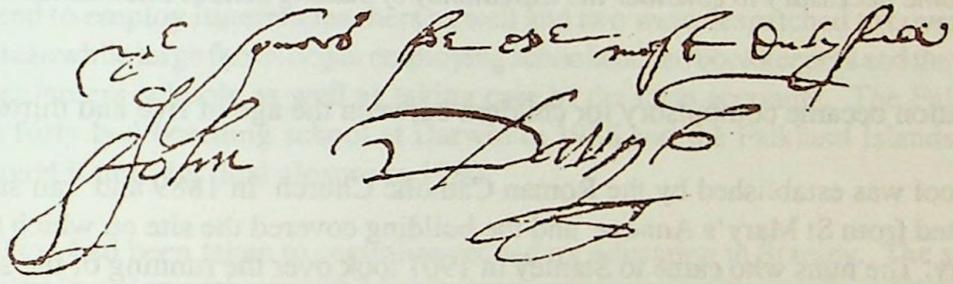
Drawing of an early backstaff, from John Davis' The Seamans Secrets (1594).

Sighting of the Islands

Falkland Islanders today can be proud to have such a courageous figure in the history of their islands.

John Davis continued his career at sea, inventing a navigational instrument, the backstaff and double quadrant, forerunner of the sextant. He also wrote several books on navigation such as his "Worlds Hydrographical Description" (1595) and "Seamens Secrets" (1594). In 1596 he served during the Earl of Essex's attack on Cadiz. In 1598 he sailed as pilot on a Dutch ship bound for the East Indies and from 1600 - 1603 he was a pilot major in the East India Company's fleet commanded by Sir James Lancaster. In 1604 whilst a pilot of the TIGER he was killed in a fight with Japanese pirates off Borneo.

Nigel Shorrock,
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The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name 'John Davis' is clearly legible, with 'John' on the left and 'Davis' on the right. Above the name, there is a line of text that appears to be a motto or a reference, possibly 'The world is my oyster'. The signature is enclosed in a rectangular border.

Signature of Captain John Davis

Education in the Falkland Islands

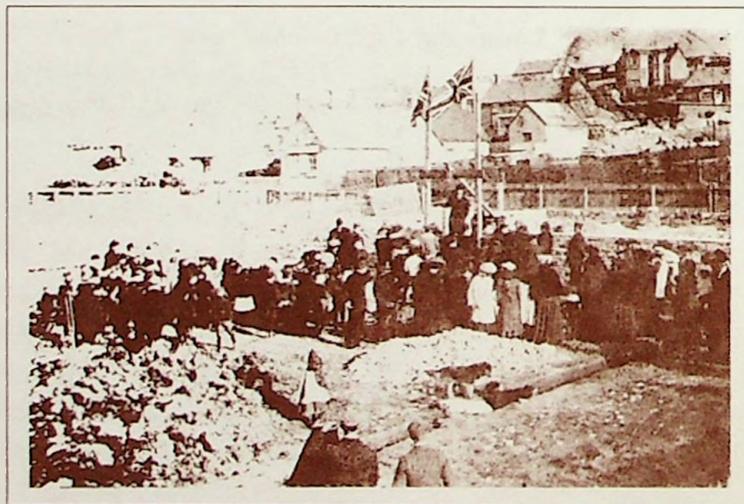
The Falkland Islands saw its first permanent school open in 1846 when the Long Room of the Army barracks situated in the Dockyard was used as a classroom. Ten pupils joined the class under the instruction of a Mr Brown. The school moved in 1847 to a building where the Speedwell Store is now situated. Next with the construction of the Exchange Building, the west wing became a fee paying school with a roll of sixty-two by 1856. The peat slip of 1886 damaged the Exchange Building and the school moved to the Central Store and then Gilbert Cottage. Alternative accommodation continued to be sought by Dean Brandon, the Chaplain, who had arrived in the Islands in 1877, and worked here for thirty years and who was Schools Inspector for much of that time.

A Children's Penny Savings Bank was established in the School in 1892 as well as a Children's Lending Library. School fees were six pence per week in the Upper School and three pence per week in the Infant School. Governor Kerr noted in the Blue Book Records of 1885:-

"It is regretted that there are many children in Stanley of an age to be sent to School who do not attend and it may become necessary to consider the expediency of making school attendance compulsory as in England."

By 1891 education became compulsory for children between the age of five and thirteen years.

St Mary's School was established by the Roman Catholic Church in 1889 and ran successfully until 1941. It operated from St Mary's Annexe and the building covered the site on which the radio station is situated today. The nuns who came to Stanley in 1907 took over the running of the school until their departure and it proved popular with all denominations.



*Laying the conerstone of the Senior School
November 9, 1915*

By courtesy of Heyburn book of "Postcards of the Falklands"

The first major school structure built by the Falkland Islands Government was a senior school constructed on the site behind the Cathedral. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs Allardyce on 9th November 1905 and Governor Allardyce opened the school a year later. This marked the establishment of the Education Department as we know it today. The school leaving age was raised to fourteen in 1910. The new building was occupied until it was badly damaged by fire in 1970 and the existing school building was constructed on the same foundations.

Education in the Falkland Islands

The present Infant/Junior School was opened by Sir Miles Clifford in 1955 and was extended in 1990. The Infant school had been housed in numerous buildings commencing in 1872 in the old Mortuary Chapel which had been moved for the purpose from the Cemetery to the grounds of the Exchange Building. At a later date it occupied part of the Marine Barracks, (presently owned by Mr R Clarke).

Education in the Camp was first established at Darwin in 1872 where settlers erected a building to act as a school and church and a school master was appointed from Britain by the Falkland Islands Company. Governor D'Arcy first suggested the employment of travelling teachers in his 1870 report :-

"In Scotland I am told such requirements are met by a mounted Schoolmaster who goes from cottage to cottage regularly remaining at each shepherd's hut a week leaving a task behind him to be learnt by his return".

The first itinerant teachers were also employed by the Company and arrived in 1893 to cover Lafonia and adjacent islands including Bleaker, Lively and Speedwell. By 1895 the Falkland Islands Government agreed to employ itinerant teachers as well and two were despatched to cover the whole of West Falkland. Meanwhile large farms began employing schoolteacher/bookkeepers and they successfully operated small settlement schools as well as taking care of the farm accounts. The Falkland Islands Company built a forty bed boarding school at Darwin in 1956 and the Falkland Islands Government staffed and managed it until its final closure in 1980.

By 1982 the decision had been taken to centralise secondary education in Stanley. The schools closed during the Argentine invasion with some children being taught in private homes during that time. Stanley House, the boarding hostel, was occupied by troops until the end of the year and reopened in 1983. New

dormitory blocks were built behind the main house and officially opened by HRH Prince Andrew on 11th May 1985. With the entire Islands secondary population based in Stanley facilities to enable a broad range of subjects to be taught have had to be improved. Upgraded science laboratories and a temporary craft and commerce block have been provided: however since 1982 it has been recognised that a new school with communal recreational facilities was required.



The Duke of Kent unveiling the foundation stone plaque, October 2, 1990

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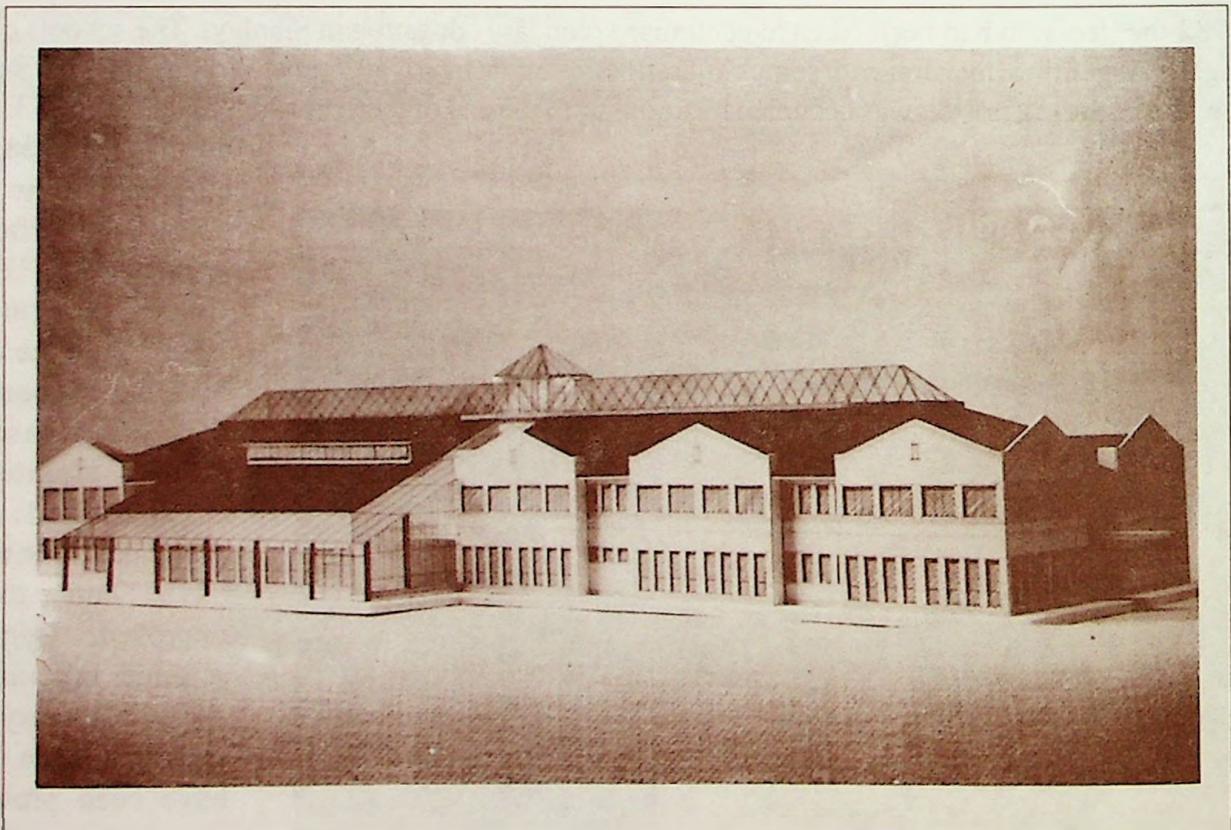
Plans for a new school began in earnest in 1988 and by the end of 1989 a design had been drawn up. 1990 saw funds of £10,000,000 being allocated for the project and work commenced in September on the site selected for the school adjacent to the swimming pool. The building is due to be completed in the Spring of 1992.

The complex will offer far more than a senior school in the traditional sense. There will be something for everyone included in the facilities. Perhaps most needed by the community is the planned large multi-purpose sports hall with viewing gallery.

The public library will be relocated in the new building and educational facilities will include a home economics area, music room, technical drawing room, two science laboratories, a language room, and commercial studies and computer areas as well as classrooms for standard subjects.

HRH The Duke of Kent unveiled a foundation stone plaque when visiting the Islands on 2nd October 1990 and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh expressed keen interest in the project when he viewed the site on March 1991. Islanders will have much to be proud of when the school finally opens its doors to students and the community in 1992.

**Mrs Phyllis Rendell,
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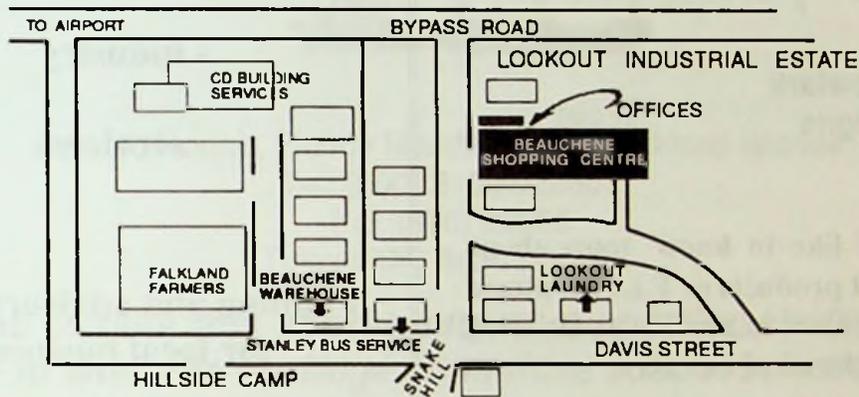


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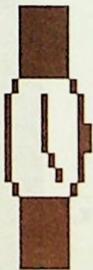
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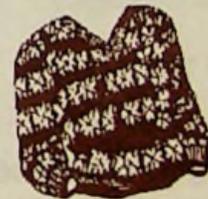
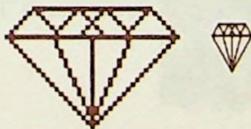
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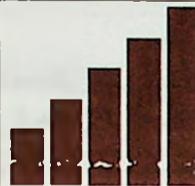


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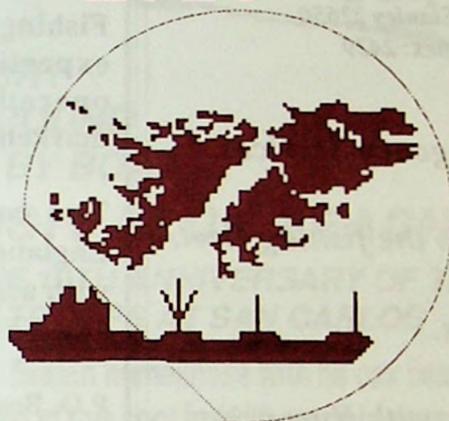
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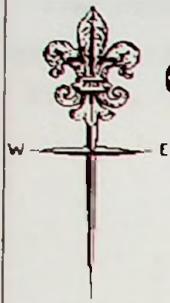
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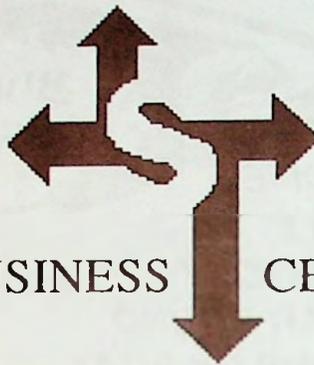
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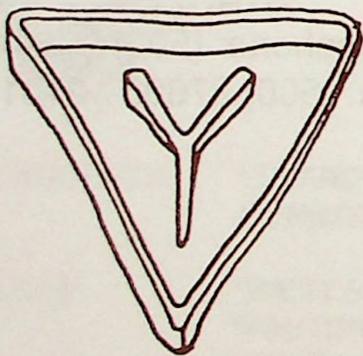
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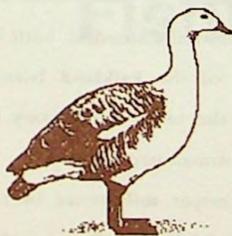
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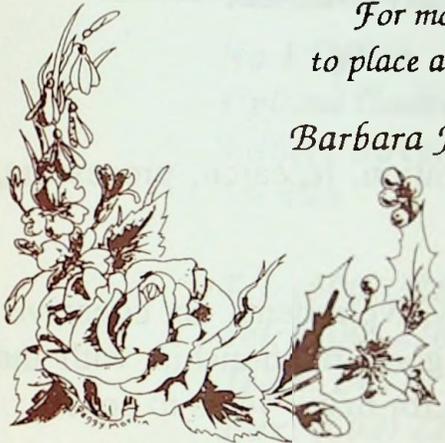
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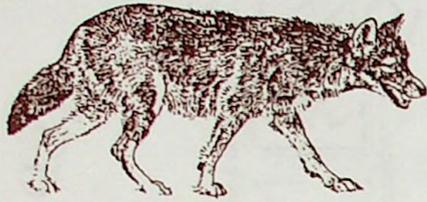
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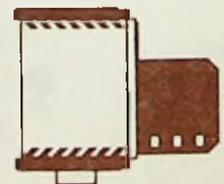
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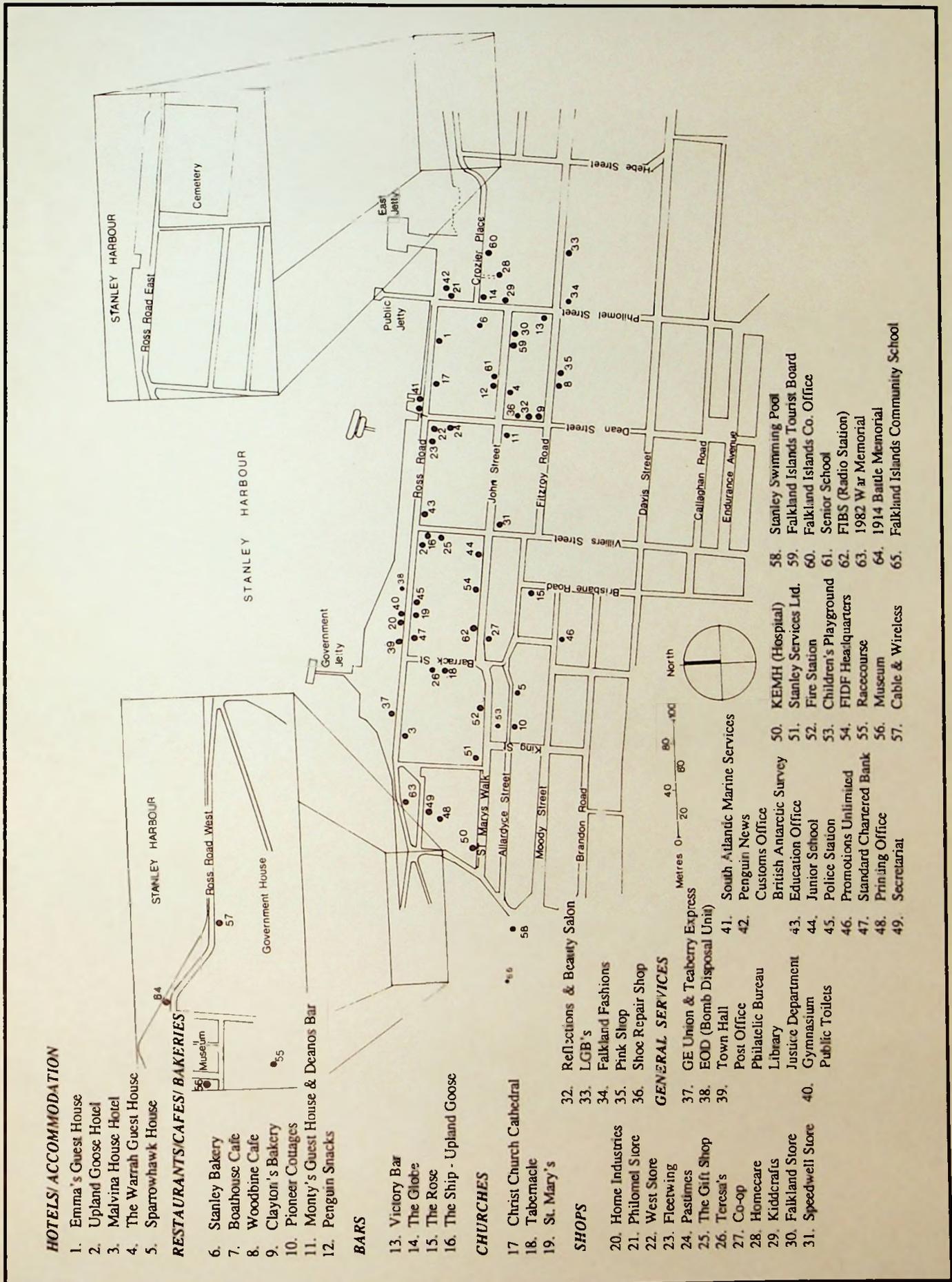
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- 5. Sparrowhawk House

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- 6. Stanley Bakery
- 7. Boathouse Cafe
- 8. Woodbine Cafe
- 9. Clayton's Bakery
- 10. Pioneer Cottages
- 11. Monty's Guest House & Deanos Bar
- 12. Penguin Snacks

BARS

- 13. Victory Bar
- 14. The Globe
- 15. The Rose
- 16. The Ship - Upland Goose

CHURCHES

- 17. Christ Church Cathedral
- 18. Tabernacle
- 19. St. Mary's

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- 20. Home Industries
- 21. Philomet Store
- 22. West Store
- 23. Fleetworking
- 24. Pastimes
- 25. The Gift Shop
- 26. Teresa's
- 27. Co-op
- 28. Homecare
- 29. Kiddicrafts
- 30. Falkland Store
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- 33. LGB's
- 34. Falkland Fashions
- 35. Pink Shop
- 36. Shoe Repair Shop
- 37. GE Union & Teaberry Express
- 38. EOD (Bomb Disposal Unit)
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- 42. Penguin News
- 43. Customs Office
- 44. British Antarctic Survey
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- 46. Junior School
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- 52. Stanley Services Ltd.
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- 55. FIDF Headquarters
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- 59. Falkland Islands Tourist Board
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- 61. Senior School
- 62. FIBS (Radio Station)
- 63. 1982 War Memorial
- 64. 1914 Battle Memorial
- 65. Falkland Islands Community School

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